

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 23 (Example 15),
bridging page 22 at line 2, with the following new paragraph:**

EXAMPLE 15

64 The same acrylic fiber as used in Example 8 (fineness: 33 dtex) as thick thermoplastic fiber and pulp fiber (weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 70/30. The mixed fiber was mixed with 0.6% by weight of a wet strength agent (polyamide-epichlorohydrin), and the resulting stock was made into a sheet having a basis weight of 100 g/m² by a manual papermaking method. The constituent fibers were bonded at their intersections with a binder (styrene-butadiene rubber) to obtain a cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 5, having a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on its surface.

REMARKS

As the examiner will note, certain changes have been made to the present application to correct certain inadvertent typographical errors. Thus, the expression "first quote" was changed to "second quote." As will be noted on page 7 of the present application, the first quote and second quote are used interchangeably as binders which can be used with the fibers of the present application. Accordingly, it is believed that the proposed modifications to the

present application find clear support on page 7 of the present application. No new matter has been introduced.

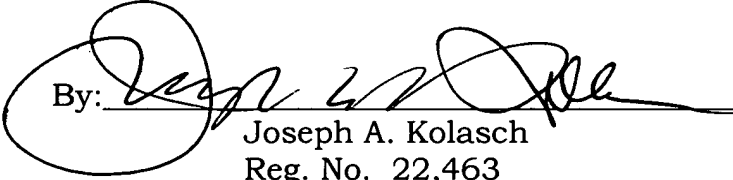
CONCLUSION

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration No. 22,463 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Marked Up Version of Claim Amendments

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 (EXAMPLE 1), bridging page 17, ending at line 6, with the following new paragraph:

EXAMPLE 1

(1) Pulp fiber (length-weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber and (2) crimping low-melting conjugate fiber having a core/sheath structure composed of a polyethylene terephthalate core and a polyethylene sheath (fineness: 2.2 dtex; length: 5 mm; melting point of sheath: 130°C) as heat-fusible thermoplastic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 60/40, and the mixed fiber was air-laid into a web. The constituent fibers of the web were bonded at their intersections with a binder ([acrylonitrile]~~styrene~~-butadiene rubber) to prepare a first air-laid nonwoven fabric (dry pulp sheet) having the basis weight shown in Table 2 below as a liquid retentive sheet.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 (Example 7), with the following new paragraph:

EXAMPLE 7

A cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 2 was obtained in the same manner as in Example 1, except for using, as a material of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric, a 50/50 mixture of nylon fiber having a fineness of 72 dtex (thick thermoplastic fiber) and the same crimping core/sheath type conjugate fiber as used in Example 1 but having a fineness 1.7 dtex (thin thermoplastic fiber), bonding the fibers constituting the resulting web at their intersections by means of heat fusion and with a binder ([acrylonitrile]~~styrene~~-butadiene rubber), and changing the basis weight of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric to 104 g/m². The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 2, having a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on the surface of the second air-laid nonwoven fabric.

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Replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 (Example 14), with the following new paragraph:

EXAMPLE 14

The same crimping core/sheath type conjugate fiber having a fineness of 72 dtex as used in Example 5 as thick thermoplastic fiber and pulp fiber (length-weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 70/30 and air-laid into a web having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The constituent fibers of the web were bonded at their intersections by fusion and with a binder ([acrylonitrile]~~styrene~~-butadiene rubber) to prepare a cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 4, having a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on the surface thereof.

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EXAMPLE 15

The same acrylic fiber as used in Example 8 (fineness: 33 dtex) as thick thermoplastic fiber and pulp fiber (weighted average fiber length: 2.5 mm) as cellulosic fiber were mixed at a weight ratio of 70/30. The mixed fiber was mixed with 0.6% by weight of a wet strength agent (polyamide-epichlorohydrin), and the

resulting stock was made into a sheet having a basis weight of 100 g/m² by a manual papermaking method. The constituent fibers were bonded at their intersections with a binder ([acrylonitrile]~~styrene~~-butadiene rubber) to obtain a cleaning sheet having the basis weight shown in Table 3. The resulting cleaning sheet had the structure shown in Fig. 5, having a large number of the tips of the thick thermoplastic fibers exposed on its surface.